

Questions and Answers  
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Question: Are the moral teachings of the Bible, especially those of Jesus Christ, for the individual heart and conscience, or do they apply to the social order, to society as a whole?

The Christian view of life and the world is all-encompassing. God is the Creator of all men and Jesus Christ is the Savior of all men, and at the same time all men stand before the judgment of God. Christianity knows of no separation in the order of things which would make some men or parts of society answerable before God, and others not. Although its basic foundations often move very far from them, the moral teachings of the Bible apply to society as a whole.

Society, however, is made up of individual persons; acceptance and application of the Christian teachings is normally a decision that is made by each individual heart and conscience. The individual Christian still can never stand as a lone and isolated "unit" before God. His being a Christian simultaneously implies that he strive to bring the message of Christ to all of society. He is like the little leaven which must leaven the whole lump (Luke 13:21).

Even when standing alone before God in the quiet solitude of his room, the Christian still prays:

Our Father...give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,...but deliver us from evil...

The teachings of Jesus Christ apply to all of the world, but those men who accept this message into their hearts have the special responsibility of bringing it to reality in the whole of society.